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Beauty 'kings' strut their stuff

A variety of contests challenge University of Wisconsin's male beauty contestants to show off their skills

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Some rules for the end of the semester

Faculty columnist Phil Schurrer has compiled, with his pals Elmer Flatnogg and Stubby McDrool, a list of fun things to do during these last two weeks of the semester to make your professors and instructors absolutely love you

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More demand for gifts than guns this year

The Los Angeles sheriff's department saw the evidence of the failing economy as a record number of guns were exchanged for gift cards this holiday season as part of the Gifts for Guns program facilitated in Compton

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Women's basketball dominates

Three players scored double digits in Saturday's game as the Falcons went on to win their sixth in a row

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Are you a Mac or a PC person?



LAUREN GEARHART
Graduate Student,
Public Health

"PC. But I want a Mac!"
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TODAY
PM Snow Showers
High: 31, Low: 29



TOMORROW
Rain
High: 37, Low: 29

AND THE NINTENDO WII GOES TO.



CHRISTINA MCGINNIS | THE BG NEWS

THE BIG WINNER: Yesterday, the Kreischer Kash auction was held in the 8 O'Clock dining room of the SunDial. Held once every semester for the past three years, Kreischer Kash is a reward given to students who live in the Kreischer Quadrangle. They accumulate the dollars by attending hall events, creating bulletin boards, participating in hall council and receiving high grades. Sophomore Ryan Heney was the top bidder for this semester's grand prize, a Nintendo Wii. In the past they have given away other large prizes such as iPods, digital cameras and a trip to Disney World.

A look at the economic times to come

After meeting with Strickland, other university presidents, Cartwright reports to Board of Trustees

By Gina Potthoff
Managing Editor

Financial matters took center stage at Friday's University Board of Trustees meeting when Interim President Carol Cartwright reported on her most recent meeting to discuss the state's economic status.

Gov. Ted Strickland and Chancellor Eric Fingerhut met with Cartwright and other university presidents in the state to discuss the future of higher education following the announcement one week ago of the \$640 million shortfall for the rest of the year and a \$7.3 billion projected deficit in the 2010-2011 operating budget.

Cartwright explained this meeting was one in a series of discussions Strickland plans to have with other groups, such as labor and K-12 grades, to brief them on Ohio's grand financial picture.

"[Strickland] reinforced his view that higher education is the driver of economic growth," she said.

Cartwright echoed Strickland's words that the state of Ohio's specific response to the economic crisis will depend on the amount of federal assistance received. Strickland is hopeful that the state of Ohio will get a stimulus package and Cartwright said the universities are behind him.

"We're prepared to work with him to lobby [for higher educa-

tion]," she said.

In other financial matters, the board approved the HB251 Energy Conservation Plan, which will allow the University to begin planning projects to meet the requirement of the state to reduce energy consumption and carbon emission levels 20 percent by the end of the 2014 fiscal year.

University Chief Financial Officer Sherideen Stoll said actual project proposals should be brought to the board by next February. She said that while the University will probably start out with smaller projects, it should be in line to meet the house bill's goals.

"We know there are some schools that have taken a big bite of the apple on their first [conservation] projects ... I think we will take a smaller bite," Stoll said.

She said the type of financing would have to align with the type of project, which would be further discussed when it is officially brought to the board.

Trustee Michael Marsh also reported on the University's investments in stocks, making it clear the University has not been immune to the fluctuations in the market over the last months.

"For 10 years, it was a lot of fun being on the investment committee," Marsh said. "Now, are behind him."

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GSS addresses need for diversity, top student concerns

By Kate Snyder
Reporter

On Friday, Marshall Rose, the director of the office of equity and diversity, was the guest speaker at the last Graduate Student Senate meeting of the year.

Rose spoke about the need for diversity on campus and encouraged greater institutional diversity.

"Our biggest challenge is not what we look like, but what we will be like," he said.

GSS President Emmanuel Guillory then updated the senate on the issues of the past year.

The top ten concerns of graduate students, based on a survey taken in Spring 2007, are beginning to be addressed, Guillory said.

The concerns include inadequate funding, health insurance, lack of diversity, parking and more course offerings.

"Our biggest challenge is not what we look like, but what we will be like."

Marshall Rose, Office of Diversity

He passed out a survey of the top ten concerns, asking senators to list their top three. That way the concerns could be prioritized and handled easier, Guillory said.

"More narrowed, more focus, we thought that might be a better approach," he said.

The senate also voted on a resolution to support the Graduate College in their plans to hold departments accountable for the travel funds they receive.

The resolution did not pass. GSS will meet again on Jan. 23.

Student Money Management Services aims to help students with their financial worries

By Michelle Bosserman
Reporter

Due to the current state of the economy, many students are worried about their financial futures. The Student Money Management Services aims to help students with these concerns.

Business major Andrew Fischer is a junior hoping to graduate in the spring of 2010. His educational background and interest has given him knowledge and skill of how to financially prepare for the future.

"It's important for students to learn how to budget their money now before getting into the real world," Fischer said. "There's nothing funny about going into debt."

SMMS provides students with free financial education services in individual sessions or group seminars. Students learn how to budget expenses, how to plan to pay off educational fees and how to become organized in money management decisions.

SMMS Director Duane Whitmire said there are three basic vehicles to the services. The first is the individual financial education session with a Financial Service Educator and trained student to discuss personal finances. The second is the Falcons group seminars, which covers issues on debt, banking and

"Students right now are still in the safety net of college."

Patricia Donnelly, Financial Educator

spending plans, he said. The third is their Web site, which gives "all sorts of information to help students," Duane said.

According to the University's Web site, 69 percent of students have some sort of financial aid this semester. Whether it is a grant, loan or another form of aid, these students have to find a way to manage their money or they land in debt.

"The reason [SMMS] was created was because the students asked for it," Whitmire said. "It can help them stay on track of personal finances as well as facilitate the development of their financial skills."

Financial Services Educator Patricia Donnelly worked for a credit card insurance company for nine years before coming to the University. She facilitates the individual sessions and answers any questions the student might have regarding money.

"Students right now are still in the safety net of college," Donnelly said. "We help build

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Obama supports short-term auto bailout

By Philip Elliott
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — President-elect Barack Obama announced support yesterday for a short-term government bailout of the nation's carmakers that is tied to industry restructuring. He also accused auto executives of a persistent "head-in-the-sand approach" to long-festering problems.

Obama said Congress was doing "the exact right thing" in drafting legislation that "holds the auto industry's feet to the fire" at the same time it tries to prevent its demise.

In an appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press" and later at a news conference, Obama at one point suggested some executives should lose their jobs.

One leading Democrat in Congress, Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, was far blunter. Rick Wagoner, the chief executive of General Motors Corp., "has to move on," said

Dodd, chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee.

The criticism of industry leaders deepened as negotiators for the White House and Congress narrowed their differences over a plan to extend roughly \$15 billion in short-term loans to any Detroit automaker that needs it. Analysts say General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC, in particular, are at risk for running out of money in the next few weeks, and that Ford Motor Co. may need help if the economy deteriorates further.

Democratic Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, whose state is ground zero for the battered industry, said he was confident an agreement would emerge within the next day.

Democratic leaders have said they hope to pass the measure this week. While Levin declined to predict its approval, support among rank-and-

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KARIN COOPER | AP PHOTO

SPEAKING TO THE CROWD: In this photo provided by CBS, Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., speaks after appearing on CBS's "Face the Nation" in Washington yesterday.

Violent protests becoming more common in Greece

By Elena Becatoros
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Hooded youths angered by the fatal police shooting of a teenager rampaged through Greece's two largest cities yesterday, in some of the worst rioting ever seen in a country where violent protests against the government have become increasingly common.

Two days of rioting began in Athens and the northern city of Thessaloniki within hours of the death of the 15-year-old, who was shot Saturday night in Exarchia, a downtown Athens district of bars, music clubs and restaurants that is seen as the self-styled anarchist movement's home base. Soon, gangs had smashed stores, torched cars and erected burning barricades. Police said 24 policemen were injured in the dramatic eruption of the long-tolerated



PETROS GIANNAKOURIS | AP PHOTO

RIOT: Three people pass next to a burning roadblock during clashes between protesters and riot police yesterday.

movement. Late yesterday, as clouds of tear gas hung in the air, curious onlookers peered out to snap photos with their cell phones, but the street fighting showed

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BLOTTER

THURSDAY, DEC. 4

11:57 P.M.
Benjamin Farmer, 21, of Findlay, was cited for operating a vehicle under the influence.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

12:25 A.M.
Lauren Pringle, 19, of Bowling Green, was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol after hosting a loud party where beer was being offered.

12:34 A.M.
Anthony Harrison, 22, of Wayne, Ohio, was arrested for aggravated menacing and improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle.

1:49 A.M.
Nicole Knepley, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for prohibited acts after using someone else's identification to enter Uptown/Downtown Bar.

2:41 A.M.
Jeremy Skiles, 37, of Bowling Green, was cited for operating a vehicle under the influence.

11:22 P.M.
William Graves III, 18, was arrested for underage drinking and open container of alcohol.

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

1:31 A.M.
Adrianne Klopstein, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for prohibited acts after attempting to use someone else's identification to enter the Cla-Zel.

1:38 A.M.
Monica Canton, 20, of Athens, Ohio, was cited for prohibited acts after attempting to use someone else's identification.

1:45 A.M.
Michelle Hostetler, 19, of London, Ohio, was cited for prohibited acts after attempting to use someone else's identification.

1:45 A.M.
Steven Trimble, 20, of Wayne, Ohio, was arrested for aggravated burglary, domestic violence, criminal damaging, assault and underage drinking after smashing through his ex-girlfriend's front window on Vale Court, throwing her against the wall and attempting to punch her numerous times.

2:01 A.M.
Ryan Debar, 21, of Gates Mills, Ohio, was arrested for assault after he was observed trying to punch an individual on North Prospect Street.

9:06 P.M.
Jarryd Nelson, 20, of Bowling Green, was arrested for open container and underage possession after he was observed attempting to conceal a blue party cup filled with alcohol while he was walking on North Enterprise Street.

10:34 P.M.
Robert Graves Jr., 20, of Bowling Green, was arrested for underage drinking after he was found at a house party on Pike Street barely awake.

10:48 P.M.
Jacob Burrell, 23, of Bowling Green, was arrested for throwing a nuisance party and providing a place for underage consumption. Colin Roe, 20, of Bowling Green, was arrested for underage drinking after he was observed coming out of an apartment on East Wooster Street where the party was held.

10:55 P.M.
Michael Hammer, 20, and Kyler Jay, 20, both of Fremont, Ohio, were arrested for disorderly conduct after kicking and tackling each other. Matthew Schmitt, 19, of North Royalton, Ohio, was arrested for underage consumption after admitting he had consumed four beers.

11:30 P.M.
Dustin Hawkins, 20, of Bowling

Green, was cited for open container of alcohol and underage possession of alcohol after he was observed carrying an open can of Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer.

11:42 P.M.
Michaela Auchmuty, 18, of Bowling Green; Owen Dotson, 18, and Sidon Logan, 18, were arrested for underage drinking at a party on Fairview Avenue.

SUNDAY, DEC. 7

1:00 A.M.
Jeremy Evers, 20, of Napoleon, Ohio, was cited for open container of alcohol and underage possession of alcohol after he was observed holding an open container of Sparks Alcoholic Beverage.

2:04 A.M.
Grant Ramsey, 22, of Victory, Ohio, and Derek Stalder, 22, of Ridgeway, Ohio, were both arrested for criminal mischief after stealing a keg from Junction Bar and Grill.

2:06 A.M.
Matthew Miller, 19, of Wapakoneta, Ohio, was arrested for disorderly conduct and underage drinking after entering an intersection illegally and almost striking a Bowling Green police car.

2:43 A.M.
Michael Wagner, 19, of Bowling Green, was cited for crossing the railroad tracks with the gates down and the lights flashing.

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A FEW SONGS AND SOME GOOD TIMES, TOO



RIGHT: Bowling Green's Children's Community Choir has their first big performance outside at the Luminary walk at Simpson Park last Thursday evening. **LEFT:** Angie Clingpeel grabs a cup of hot chocolate while holding Kaitlyn Clingpeel as Erik Schempff waits for his own cup of hot chocolate.

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file lawmakers presumably would improve dramatically if both White House and Obama were to signal their backing once the legislation is complete.

"The last thing I want to see happen is for the auto industry to disappear, but I'm also concerned that we don't put \$10 billion or \$20 billion or \$30 billion or whatever billion dollars into an industry, and then, six months to a year later, they come back hat in hand and say, 'Give me more,'" Obama said.

Obama, who takes office Jan. 20, has drawn some criticism from Democrats who want him to become more involved in efforts to save the industry. The president-elect said his aides are monitoring developments and considering longer-term plans.

He expressed no support for calls to allow the big carmakers to enter bankruptcy and said, "We don't want government to run companies." Instead, he said, "if taxpayer money is at stake — which it appears may be the case — we want to make sure that it is conditioned on an auto industry emerging at the end of the process that actually works, that actually functions."

"Taxpayers, I think are fed up. They're going through extraordinarily difficult times right now."

Obama did not single out any individual executive by name for criticism, and said there had been incremental progress in the past 15 years toward a more competitive line of products.

"What we haven't seen is a sense of urgency and the willingness to make tough deci-

sions. And what we still see are executive compensation packages for the auto industry that are out of line compared to their competitors, their Japanese competitors, who are doing a lot better," he said.

Asked whether the top executives should remain in the jobs, he said, "Here's what I'll say, that it may not be the same for all the companies. But what I think we have to put an end to is the head-in-the-sand approach to the auto industry that has been prevalent for decades now."

Later, at the news conference, he appeared to temper his comments, saying that current management should be ousted if it doesn't understand the urgent need to make changes in the industry.

A breakthrough on the long-stalled rescue came Friday when House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., yielded to President George W. Bush on a key point: allowing the aid to come from an existing fund set aside for the production of environmentally friendlier cars.

The Big Three executives spent two consecutive days on Capitol Hill this past week pleading for as much as \$34 billion in loans to help their industry survive. But they made clear that \$15 billion would be enough to keep them running until the end of March 2009.

Dodd appeared on CBS' "Face the Nation" and Levin was on "Fox News Sunday."

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it kind of stinks."

He said although the University's stocks have taken a hit, he hopes it's only short term.

Reporting on the University's fundraising efforts, trustee Robert Sebo said the Building Dreams Campaign is in its final months. More than 600 participants donated over \$141 million to go towards funding scholarships and other projects.

Sebo said 498 scholarships have been added since the start of the campaign in 2005 and he encourages people to keep giving.

"I know times are tough and the University needs all the scholarships they can get," he said.

Trustee Chair John Harball II spoke about the state of the economy, noting there will be decisions made that are unpopular, but will be necessary.

"We're in uncertain times as an institution, we're in uncertain times as a state and we're in uncertain times as a country," he said. "There are things we do now today we won't be doing two, three, four, five months from now. We're going to have to adjust. Let's work together and we'll come out of this stronger."

VIOLENCE

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few signs of abating.

Groups of youths, some masked and others concealing their faces behind motorcycle helmets, used trash cans and overturned cars to erect burning barricades in the streets around the Athens Polytechnic — which like all universities is protected by law from police intrusion.

The violence was the most severe since rioting in 1999 during a visit to Greece of then U.S. President Bill Clinton. The last time a teenager was killed in a police shooting — during a demonstration in 1985 — it sparked weeks of frequent rioting.

The circumstances surrounding Saturday's shooting were unclear, and Interior Minister Prokopi Pavlopoulos has promised to investigate and punish anyone found responsible.

"It is inconceivable for there not to be punishment when a person loses their life, particularly when it is a child," he said. "The taking of life is something that is not excusable in a democracy."

Police said the two officers involved claimed they were attacked by a group of youths, and that they responded with three gunshots and a stun grenade.

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financial skills to get students prepared and to alleviate some of the stress."

In the individual sessions, the students drive the session. Students are supposed to come prepared to the session with the questions they want to ask because each student might have a different question regarding their personal finances, Whitmire said. For example, one might want to know how to pay off their student loans and another student might want to know how to negotiate with future employers about salaries, he said.

Outside of the University, it costs money to have individual sessions with a financial advisor. At SMMS, all of the services are free for students. The Web site is located at www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/smms/index.html.

"Financial stress is terrible and affects physical and mental well-being," Donnelly said. "[SMMS] is a great opportunity for students who have never received financial education to raise their awareness and concerns for what's going on."

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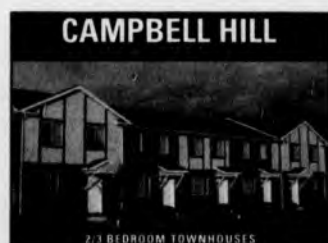
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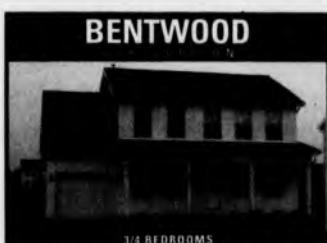
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PUTTING ON A SHOW



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SCARED SCROOGE? This past weekend the Theater Department presented the holiday classic "A Christmas Carol," the last show of the fall semester. Next semester they are performing "My Children! My Africa" and "The Trojan Women" in February and "Into The Woods" and "Monkey Storms Heaven" in April.

Felony in college can deter employers after graduation

By Alyssa Siegele
U-Wire

Felony convictions can severely impair a person from attending universities and securing careers. In certain, less severe cases, those potential students and employees still struggle for acceptance in society.

Annually at Illinois State University, between 30 and 40 applicants have a felony conviction on their record. Trying to get a job after college with a felony conviction is extremely difficult, as many administrators explain.

"The process is very case-by-case," Stacy Ramsey, associate director of ISU admissions,

said. "We have a committee that reviews files of students with records, and students submit statements about their convictions and its status."

Applications from students with felony charges are not immediately dismissed. Students may be accepted if the reviewing committee rules in favor of their application.

"We make the best decision we can," Ramsey said. "It's usually more of a decision regarding campus safety."

"If we feel the student would be someone that we might not want on our campus and would not be in the best interest of the student body, we can't accept that student."

Many of these application situations are very dependent upon individual circumstances, because felony charges range in seriousness.

"It depends on what the felony was and how long ago it occurred," Ramsey said. "We take into account the outcome and the status of the charge when the student applies. A lot goes into the decision."

"Since the review process began a few years ago, only a few students have not been approved through this process," she added. "Students need to be honest and let the committee make the decision. It's better to be honest now than later find out that the student lied."

Male beauty pageant showcases talent for cause

By Signe Brewster
U-Wire

University of Wisconsin junior Jake Daane charmed and air-guitaried his way to being crowned the winner of Project 40/40's Male Beauty Pageant Thursday night in Sallery Hall.

The five students participating were judged on formal wear, talent and Badger spirit.

Formal outfits ranged from suave to ridiculous, and several contestants treated the audience to a preview of their dance moves.

Talents performed included counting in Turkish by UW sophomore Bryant Harris, paper airplane building by UW freshman Brigham Heyn, the telling of an economics joke by UW junior Dustin Pashouwer and a guitar performance by UW sophomore Stephen Chelstowski.

Daane showcased an enthusiastic playing of the air guitar to The Darkness's "I Believe in a Thing Called Love."

Daane was a late addition to

"I was given the opportunity to bring sexy back, and I jumped on it."

Jake Daane | Student

the show and was notified just one hour before going on stage that he needed to prepare a talent. He said air guitar is an art form that encourages free styling, so the short notice was not an issue.

"A wise man once said: to err is human. To air guitar is science," Daane said. "I was given the opportunity to bring sexy back, and I jumped on it. I did something everyone needs to take advantage of."

Project 40/40, a student group dedicated to raising awareness and providing treatment for HIV-positive Ugandans, organized the event as a part of its World AIDS Week efforts.

All proceeds from the \$2 admission charged at the event will go toward the Clinton HIV/AIDS initiative.

Project 40/40 Communications Director Emily Swanson said the event is unique because it allows students to realize they can make an impact in Uganda in very different ways.

"I think that it is important for us as students to know that we are in a pretty privileged position and it is so easy for us to help out in this way," Swanson said.

Graduating early may save students money

By Conor Foley
U-Wire

In the face of rising tuition prices, students look to save money on the cost of a university education. One particularly popular option at Hopkins has been to finish Bachelor's degrees a semester, or even a year early.

According to statistics provided by Hopkins, in the graduating classes of 2005 through 2008, an average of 15 percent of students graduated at least a semester early.

An opinion piece in the Nov. 14 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education, which suggested that three-year diplomas become a standard option at major universities to mitigate

"When I first came to Hopkins, and even at the beginning of this semester, I planned to stay for all four years, but [tuition] became more and more of a burden on my family..."

Jon Cheng | Student

the expense of primary degrees, reported 20 percent of Hopkins students graduate at least a semester early.

"There is a wide variety of students who have chosen to graduate early...in past years people looking to go into finance have looked into it. We've also had a number of pre-med students who looked into this option," Senior Associate

Director of the Career Center Dawna Milligan said.

Administrators and advisors emphasize that there are various problems with early graduation, including the logistic difficulty of cramming all the required credits into fewer than four years of college.

"In general, it is much harder for engineering students to finish in fewer than eight semesters,

and generally harder for pre-meds and science majors than for social science or humanities majors," Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education in the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences Paula Burger wrote in an e-mail.

Despite that, pre-meds still find ways to fulfill credit requirements in order to cut tuition costs.

"When I first came to Hopkins, and even at the beginning of this semester, I planned to stay for all four years, but [tuition] became more and more of a burden on my family so this became a good way to help out," said John Cheng, a senior pre-med, neuroscience major who will graduate at the end of this semester.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Exhibit #6: Josh Eckhart Photography Exhibit
130 and 131 Union - Gallery Space

8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Muslim Student Association Prayer Room
204 Olscamp

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Finals Week Survival Kit Distribution
Union Table Space

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Toy Donations
Union Table Space

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

H2O Prayer Meeting
Prout Chapel

12 - 3 p.m.

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6 p.m.

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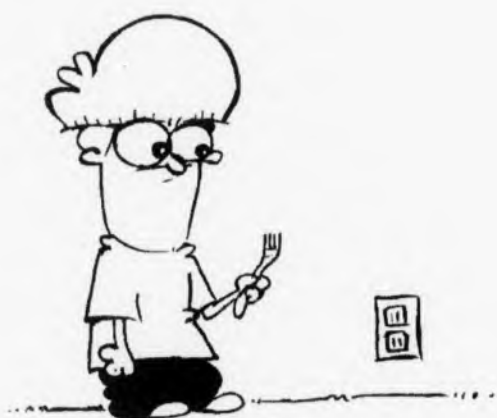
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1988—The New York Knicks connect on an NBA-record of 11 three-pointers against the Milwaukee Bucks.

1987—Jack Sikma of the Milwaukee Bucks begins a streak of 51 straight games without a missed free throw.

1961—Wilt Chamberlain scores 78 points in a game.

1961—Larry Costello scores 32 consecutive points without missing a shot.

The List

Basketball season is off and running, and both BG teams have been doing some good things on the court. Today, we list the top five performers so far:

1. Tracy Pontius: The sophomore point guard has posted career highs in points in her last two games.

2. Brian Moten: The senior guard is leading the men's team with 12.4 points per game.

3. Lauren Prochaska: The sophomore is leading the women's team in both points and rebounds per game.

4. Joe Jakubowski: As the men's team starting point guard, he's averaging 11 points and four assists per game.

5. Curt Miller: The women's head coach has now amassed a 135-35 record in the last five seasons.



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BAD STREAK: The BG men's basketball team has lost three of its last four games.

21-2 scoring run dooms Falcons at Illinois State

By Chris Voloschuk
Sports Editor

The BG men's basketball team just can't catch a break on the road right now.

On Saturday night, the Falcons played their fourth straight road contest of the young season against a strong Illinois State team and were defeated 78-65.

The Redbirds have been a very tough team dating back to last season, where they posted a 25-10 overall record. So far this season, they're 8-0.

The Falcons (3-4) have been moving in the opposite direction in the standings lately, losing three of their last four games.

BG's plight started early in regulation. After a Darryl Clements three-pointer opened up the game's scoring, ISU scored the next nine points. While BG would eventually take a 16-14 lead around the nine-minute mark of the first half, ISU would quickly drain back-to-back threes to re-open its lead and would never look back.

Then, the Redbirds stepped on

the accelerator. Towards the end of the first half and the early minutes of the second half, they went on a 21-2 run that all but iced the game. All the while, the Falcons shot just 35 percent from the field.

Senior forward Nate Miller, who continues to come off the bench, led the Falcons in scoring with 15 points. He also chipped in eight rebounds. Sophomore guard Joe Jakubowski finished with 14 points and five assists. As a team, the Falcons blocked seven shots and committed a season-low seven turnovers.

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Akron: 5-3

Ohio: 3-2

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Next up: The Falcons will host Detroit Mercy this Sunday.

Six shooters

BG women dominate YSU, win sixth in a row

By Andrew Harner
Assistant Sports Editor

Coach Curt Miller came into Saturday's game against Youngstown State with two objectives.

His first and most important objective was to not take the underdog lightly, and his second was for four players to score in double figures.

Despite only achieving one of those two things in a 97-61 win, Miller was still pleased with his team's scoring effort.

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Tracy Pontius (22), Niki McCoy (18) and Lauren Prochaska (11) each scored in double figures and Lindsey Goldsberry and Maribeth Giese both finished with eight.

But while Miller didn't quite get his second wish, there were several other positive aspects of the game for the Falcons.

BG started the game on a 14-2 run on its way to scoring 54 points in the first half, sealed by a Pontius three as time expired.

Additionally, the Falcons committed just five fouls (the first coming 8:47 into the game) and scored 27 points off 14 turnovers.

"That first half was as good as offensive production and execution we've had maybe since I've been here," Miller said. "I couldn't be more pleased with our effort in the first half."

With the game virtually in hand as the second half started, the Falcons continued to dominate the Penguins, mostly with back-ups on the court.

Jessica Slagale (23) and Sarah Clapper (15) recorded the most minutes of any players off the bench. In the second half, bench players scored 22 of the 40 BG points.

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Had 18 points and seven rebounds in Saturday's win

The half gave Slagale another chance to show her skills at point guard after playing 17 minutes against Greensboro, something both Pontius and Miller were happy to see.

"She's come along very well," Pontius said. "I've been pleased with her backing me up at point."

"We thought we could steal her some minutes," Miller said. "It's still point guard by committee, but right now, we feel very comfortable with Jess Slagale at the backup point."

Defensively, the Falcons played another strong game finishing with 11 steals, 23 turnovers and three blocks. Youngstown was held to 49 percent shooting and only made nine of 16 free throws.

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Lions move to 0-13 after loss to Vikings

By Larry Lage
The Associated Press



PAUL SANCYA | AP PHOTO

OFF TO THE RACES: The Vikings' Adrian Peterson knifes through Detroit's defense.

DETROIT — The Minnesota Vikings didn't talk much about avoiding the embarrassment of losing to Detroit.

They didn't have to.

"In your mind you don't want to betheteamtolose to a winless team this late in the year," Minnesota defensive end Jared Allen said yesterday after the Vikings beat the Lions 20-16. "That's not the part of history that any of us in here want to be a part of."

The Lions seem destined to be the NFL's first 0-16 team.

Tarvaris Jackson threw a go-ahead touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter, playing for the injured Gus Frerotte, and the NFC North-leading Vikings (8-5) held on for the victory.

Detroit (0-13) had chances to win, just as it did in a two-point loss at Minnesota, but couldn't

make enough plays, just as it has failed to do throughout a miserable season.

"It's another loss and it's totally unacceptable," quarterback Daunte Culpepper said.

The Lions finish at Indianapolis, against New Orleans and at Green Bay.

"They don't want to go down in the Hall of Fame," Adrian Peterson said after running for 102 yards. "Whoever is facing them these last three games better be prepared."

Lions coach Rod Marinelli refused to concede his team blew its best opportunity to win a game.

"I'm looking forward to this week," he insisted. "We're playing a heck of a team, but we think we've got a good chance."

The Lions are the fourth team to start 0-13 or worse since 1976, when Tampa Bay infamously finished 0-14 as an expansion team.



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FINALLY: Michelle Wie has been able to play in a number of tournaments in the past due to exemptions and invitations. Now, she's a full-fledged member of the LPGA.

Wie earns LPGA Tour card

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Michelle Wie has been playing LPGA Tour events since she was in the seventh grade, drawing the biggest galleries because of her youth and power, but earning little respect from players because

of her preferential treatment.

In the 62 tournaments she has played over the last seven years, Wie received 53 exemptions or invitations.

The next time the 19-year-old from Hawaii tees it up, she finally can feel like she belongs.

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Titans clinch division, beat hapless Browns



MARK HUMPHREY | AP PHOTO

ESCAPE ARTIST: Titans quarterback Kerry Collins narrowly avoids a Cleveland pass rusher during his team's 28-9 win over the Browns.

By Teresa M. Walker
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans aren't about to be distracted by a power outage in their locker room or a struggling opponent.

Not now. Not as a division champion.

Kerry Collins threw two touchdowns, and Chris Johnson ran for 136 yards and a score as the Titans routed the Cleveland Browns 28-9 yesterday to grab the AFC South title for the first time since 2002 in what they hope is the first of many goals reached this season.

"Obviously, we're all pleased and happy we won the division," Collins said. "We know there's a lot of things left we want to accomplish. Today was a good first step."

The Titans have won 15 of their last 16 games, and are the first team to secure a postseason berth this year. They maintained at least a two-game lead with three to play for home-field advantage in the AFC playoffs, and a subdued celebration fea-

tured players dumping a cooler of water over coach Jeff Fisher.

This is the Titans' second consecutive playoff berth, secured with the franchise's best record through 13 games, 12-1. Fisher credited his Titans' 10-0 start with helping them wrest the division away from the Indianapolis Colts.

"It's a rewarding feeling. Our goal when we left the playoff game in San Diego, the day we came back, was to have a home playoff game this year. That was our first goal, first and foremost. We've now guaranteed that. We'll move onto the next step hopefully," Fisher said.

The Titans were a bit like a video board that didn't work thanks to a blown transformer that knocked out all but four emergency lights in their locker room. They turned it over three times, with LenDale White losing his first fumble this season, and they had a season-high 13 penalties for 131 yards.

Defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth said he didn't even notice the power even after dressing in near darkness.

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Bengals overwhelmed in Indy by streaking Colts

By Michael Marot
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts cornerback Kelvin Hayden had a perfect read on the Cincinnati Bengals.

Peyton Manning apparently was doing his homework, too.

Manning threw for three scores yesterday and Hayden returned an interception for a touchdown, leading the Colts to their most lopsided win of the season, 35-3.

"We did a great job game planning, and we knew their quarterback would get rattled if we got some pressure," Hayden said. "I just tried to take advantage of it."

Did he ever. Hayden picked off two passes, setting up one Indy touchdown and returning the second 85 yards for another.

Manning also exploited the big holes in Cincinnati's defense. His uncanny mixture of methodical drives and quick-hitting plays were too much for the beleaguered Bengals, and after failing to score an offensive touchdown last week at Cleveland, Manning led the Colts on three TD drives of 69 yards or longer.

It was a stark contrast from what Indy (9-4) had done in its previous five games — winning those by a combined 20 points. No. 6 looked like old-fashioned Colts football.



DARRON CUMMINGS | AP PHOTO

PICK SIX: Colts defensive back Kelvin Hayden starts an early celebration as he races to the end zone following an interception against the Bengals yesterday.

While yesterday's victory kept the Colts in position for the top wild-card spot in the AFC, their reign atop the AFC South officially ended with Tennessee's 28-9 victory over Cleveland. It's the first time since 2002 Indy hasn't won the division crown.

"The first thing is you have to get in the playoffs," coach Tony Dungy said. "The year we won it, we played three on the road. So if we get in, I think we'll have as good a shot as anyone."

If they keep playing this way, they could.

Then again, yesterday's rout didn't give the Colts much of a test.

For the second straight week, the only Bengals points came on Shayne Graham's lone field goal, and they have gone 11 consecutive quarters without scoring a touchdown.

The formula looked awfully familiar, too.

Manning, who is 6-0 against Cincinnati, was 26 of 32 for 277 yards, matched his season high for touchdown passes and topped 20 TD passes for the 11th straight

season. Brett Favre, with 12, holds the NFL record.

The Bengals (1-11-1) lost four turnovers, Ryan Fitzpatrick, who again started in place of Carson Palmer, was sacked four times, and Cincinnati has been outscored 96-16 in its latest three-game losing streak.

"There's really not much to say. I don't know what it is," Chad Johnson said. "I'm done analyzing. You just work and give it all you've got."

The Colts wasted no time in setting the tone.

On their second possession, Manning repeatedly struck for big yardage before handing off to Dominic Rhodes, who broke a tackle and nearly walked into the end zone for a 7-0 lead.

Graham's 19-yard field goal made it 7-3, but things unraveled quickly for Cincinnati.

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SIX

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"I think we did well in the first half of holding them to few points," Pontius said. "But in the second half, I don't think we came out with as much intensity ... our defense still has a ways to go."

The win gives BG six straight and also gives BG a 6-1 record in seven games Miller would have been happy to go 5-2 in.

"We knew after the Temple was scheduled, there were seven

"That first half was as good as offensive production and execution we've had maybe since I've been here. I couldn't be more pleased with our effort in the first half."

Curt Miller | BG coach

games that were very important for us," Miller said. "We felt that if you could get through that seven 5-2 and be 5-3 at this point, then we were headed in the right direction."

Miller is also thankful that he

only has two games over a two week stretch saying it gives the team a chance to prepare on fundamentals instead of exclusively focusing on the next opponent, to both of which his team is expected to be an underdog.

WIE

From Page 6

Wie opened with three straight bogeys before settling down in blustery conditions yesterday for a 2-over 74, easily finishing among the top 20 players at the Q-school to become a card-carrying member of the LPGA Tour.

"It's a good feeling," Wie said. "I really earned it. I legitimately went through Q-school. I took my medicine. And I got it. It feels good. It's

like high school graduation."

The valedictorian was former NCAA champion Stacy Lewis, who had to go through Q-school because the LPGA Tour does not count earnings from the U.S. Women's Open, where she tied for third in her pro debut. Lewis birdied her last two holes for a 69, giving her a three-shot victory over Amy Yang.

"I had the door shut on me a couple of times, but they can't do it anymore," Lewis said.

Wie said she will return to

Stanford for the winter quarter, but plans a full LPGA schedule next year. Without being a member, she was limited to six LPGA events, plus the U.S. Women's Open and Women's British Open.

"I play whenever I want now, not when I have to play, or only six tournaments," she said. "I can pick and choose. I might play two in a row, three in a row, and have some momentum. I really like this game, and I want to play a lot. I'm going to take advantage of this card."

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4 UNCORRUPTED
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9 SOME FAILURES TO ADVANCE RUNNERS
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